

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CITY OF URBANA

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



URBANA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2009

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The City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, December 7, 2009 in the Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT**

Charlie Smyth, Alderman Ward 1  
David Gehrig, Alderman Ward 2  
Robert E. Lewis, Alderman Ward 3  
Brandon Bowersox, Alderman Ward 4  
Dennis Roberts, Alderman Ward 5  
Heather Stevenson, Alderwoman Ward 6  
Diane W. Marlin, Alderwoman Ward 7  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor  
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**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Michael Monson; Patrick Connolly; William Gray; Elizabeth Tyler; Thomas Carrino; Robert Myers; Ronald O'Neal, Jr.; John Schneider; Jennifer Selby; Russell Chism

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eric Halvorsen; Rita Black; Gary Cziko; Members of the Media

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*THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED*

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

There being a quorum, Mayor Prussing called the meeting of the Urbana City Council to order at 7:12 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

November 16, 2009 - Alderwoman Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 16, 2009. Alderman Lewis seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

**C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**D. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Gary Cziko asked to address the Council regarding the transportation plan at the time the item is discussed.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**F. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

There was none.

**G. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were none.

**H. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Thomas Carrino (Economic Development Manager) gave an updated economic development report. He announced the opening of new businesses in the downtown area and the recent start of construction at the Gateway Shoppes. Urbana Business Association is starting the Holiday Market Program and Market at the Square ended November 14 after a successful season.

William Gray (Public Works Director) announced a public informational meeting regarding the proposed Highcross Road Multi-Use Plan Improvement Project will be held on December 22, 2009 at the Stonecreek Golf Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Prussing announced she had just attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council Water Summit last week in Washington D.C.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Urbana's Bicycle Friendly Community Application Update**

Jennifer Selby (Civil Engineer) gave the update. Components discussed were engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation and planning. She announced the application would need to be finalized and submitted by February 19, 2010. She would like to organize a steering committee to review the final application. Discussion followed.

**2. Resolution No. 2009-12-036R: A Resolution to Endorse the Champaign Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study Long Range Transportation Plan 2035**

Robert Myers (Planning Manager) gave updated report. Rita Black, Champaign County Regional Planning, answered questions from Council. Eric Halvorsen, AICP, was also present.

Gary Cziko, 306 W. Vermont Avenue, spoke to the Council of his opposition to the plan.

Alderman Smyth made a motion to postpone definitely to the next Council meeting on 12/21/09. Alderman Gehrig seconded. There was no objection and unanimous consent was to bring the item back to Council meeting on 12/21/09 for review.

3. **Resolution No. 2009-12-037R: A Resolution Granting Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC, a Franchise Extension to April 1, 2010**

Alderman Smyth made a motion to approve. Alderwoman Stevenson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Prussing declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Laurel Lunt Prussing  
Mayor

Phyllis D. Clark  
City Clerk

This meeting was taped.  
This meeting was broadcast on cable television.

Minutes Approved: December 21, 2009